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	Number 1990	Percent	Number 2000	Percent	Number Change 1990 - 2000	Percent
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>						
<b>POPULATION 3 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
<b>ENROLLED IN SCHOOL <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>50,121</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,584</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,463</b>	<b>26.9</b>
Nursery school, preschool	x	x	2,660	4.2	x	x
Kindergarten	x	x	2,703	4.3	x	x
Elementary school	(included in high school total)		22,197	34.9	x	x
High school (grades 9-12) (1990: grades 1-12)	24,402	48.7	9,714	15.3	x	x
College or graduate school	23,113	46.1	26,310	41.4	3,197	13.8
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>						
<b>POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
Less than 9th grade	15,428	16.4	14,608	15.2	-820	-5.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	19,563	20.8	18,295	19.0	-1,268	-6.5
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	23,512	25.0	22,167	23.1	-1,345	-5.7
Some college, no degree	11,092	11.8	13,136	13.7	2,044	18.4
Associate degree	4,038	4.3	4,497	4.7	459	11.4
Bachelor's degree	11,317	12.0	12,596	13.1	1,279	11.3
Graduate or professional degree	9,007	9.6	10,854	11.3	1,847	20.5
Percent high school graduate or higher	62.8	x	65.8	x	3.0	x
Percent Bachelor's degree or higher	21.6	x	24.4	x	2.8	x
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>						
<b>POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
Never married	53,673	42.0	62,501	46.3	8,828	16.4
Now married (not separated)	45,866	35.9	47,321	35.0	1,455	3.2
Separated	7,385	5.8	4,925	3.6	-2,460	-33.3
Widowed	10,335	8.1	8,170	6.0	-2,165	-20.9
Female	8,663	6.8	6,425	4.8	-2,238	-25.8
Divorced	10,434	8.2	12,188	9.0	1,754	16.8
Female	6,570	5.1	7,530	5.6	960	14.6
<b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>						
<b>GRANDPARENT LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE OWN GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS <sup>2</sup></b>						
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	x	x	3,322	100.0	x	x
	x	x	1,219	36.7	x	x
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>						
<b>CIVILIAN POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
Civilian veterans	x	x	128,292	100.0	x	x
	x	x	9,159	7.1	x	x
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>						
<b>POPULATION 5 TO 20 YEARS</b>						
With a disability	x	x	49,637	100.0	x	x
	x	x	5,048	10.2	x	x
<b>POPULATION 21 TO 64 YEARS</b>						
With a disability	x	x	93,233	100.0	x	x
Percent employed	x	x	23,629	25.3	x	x
	x	x	46.5	x	x	x
No disability	x	x	69,604	74.7	x	x
Percent employed	x	x	68.8	x	x	x
<b>POPULATION 65 AND OVER</b>						
With a disability	19,935	100.0	17,243	100.0	-2,692	-13.5
	7,181	36.0	8,249	47.8	1,068	14.9
<b>RESIDENCE IN 1995 (1990 CENSUS: 1985)</b>						
<b>POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
Same house	148,144	100.0	161,631	100.0	13,487	9.1
Same house	66,907	45.2	72,134	44.6	5,227	7.8
Different house in the U.S.	70,403	47.5	78,791	48.7	8,388	11.9
Same county	40,753	27.5	46,884	29.0	6,131	15.0
Different county	29,650	20.0	31,907	19.7	2,257	7.6
Same state	4,022	2.7	5,120	3.2	1,098	27.3
Different state	25,628	17.3	26,787	16.6	1,159	4.5
Elsewhere (1990: lived abroad)	10,834	7.3	10,706	6.6	-128	-1.2

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<b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>						
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	<b>160,728</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>173,618</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,890</b>	<b>8.0</b>
Native	129,196	80.4	129,671	74.7	475	0.4
Born in the United States	123,706	77.0	121,533	70.0	-2,173	-1.8
State of residence	81,369	50.6	74,281	42.8	-7,088	-8.7
Different state	42,337	26.3	47,252	27.2	4,915	11.6
Born outside the United States	5,490	3.4	8,138	4.7	2,648	48.2
Foreign born	31,532	19.6	43,947	25.3	12,415	39.4
Entered 1990 to March 2000 *	18,348	11.4	19,937	11.5	1,589	8.7
Naturalized citizen	9,291	5.8	15,117	8.7	5,826	62.7
Not a citizen	22,241	13.8	28,830	16.6	6,589	29.6
<b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>						
<b>TOTAL FOREIGN BORN POPULATION (except born at sea)</b>	<b>31,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,415</b>	<b>39.4</b>
Europe	x	x	5,126	11.7	x	x
Asia	x	x	7,871	17.9	x	x
Africa	x	x	3,138	7.1	x	x
Oceania	x	x	163	0.4	x	x
Latin America	x	x	27,160	61.8	x	x
Northern America	x	x	489	1.1	x	x
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>						
<b>POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER</b>	<b>148,144</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>161,631</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,487</b>	<b>9.1</b>
English only	92,569	62.5	92,086	57.0	-483	-0.5
Language other than English	45,129	30.5	69,545	43.0	24,416	54.1
Speak English other than "very well"	23,141	15.6	34,103	21.1	10,962	47.4
Spanish	20,049	13.5	44,733	27.7	24,684	123.1
Speak English other than "very well"	12,059	8.1	24,217	15.0	12,158	100.8
Other Indo-European languages	x	x	13,328	8.2	x	x
Speak English other than "very well"	x	x	4,563	2.8	x	x
Asian and Pacific Island languages	7,412	5.0	9,445	5.8	2,033	27.4
Speak English other than "very well"	4,801	3.2	4,905	3.0	104	2.2
<b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>						
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	<b>160,728</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>173,618</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,890</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<i>Total ancestries reported</i>	<i>179,228</i>	<i>111.5</i>	<i>179,705</i>	<i>103.5</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Arab	990	0.6	755	0.4	-235	-23.7
Czech <sup>3</sup>	240	0.1	190	0.1	-50	-20.8
Danish	262	0.2	209	0.1	-53	-20.2
Dutch	768	0.5	553	0.3	-215	-28.0
English	13,010	8.1	8,532	4.9	-4,478	-34.4
French (except Basque) <sup>3</sup>	9,667	6.0	6,559	3.8	-3,108	-32.2
French Canadian <sup>3</sup>	3,736	2.3	2,735	1.6	-1,001	-26.8
German	9,008	5.6	5,911	3.4	-3,097	-34.4
Greek	783	0.5	666	0.4	-117	-14.9
Hungarian	588	0.4	370	0.2	-218	-37.1
Irish <sup>3</sup>	24,547	15.3	16,765	9.7	-7,782	-31.7
Italian	31,038	19.3	23,960	13.8	-7,078	-22.8
Lithuanian	980	0.6	532	0.3	-448	-45.7
Norwegian	412	0.3	417	0.2	5	1.2
Polish	4,832	3.0	4,118	2.4	-714	-14.8
Portuguese	8,668	5.4	7,002	4.0	-1,666	-19.2
Russian	3,613	2.2	2,411	1.4	-1,202	-33.3
Scotch-Irish	1,291	0.8	813	0.5	-478	-37.0
Scottish	2,021	1.3	1,754	1.0	-267	-13.2
Slovak	350	0.2	87	0.1	-263	-75.1
Subsaharan African	4,441	2.8	7,500	4.3	3,059	68.9
Swedish	1,822	1.1	1,117	0.6	-705	-38.7
Swiss	170	0.1	150	0.1	-20	-11.8
Ukrainian	386	0.2	448	0.3	62	16.1
United States or American	2,886	1.8	4,255	2.5	1,369	47.4
Welsh	428	0.3	457	0.3	29	6.8
West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups)	1,431	0.9	2,821	1.6	1,390	97.1
Other ancestries	50,860	31.6	78,618	45.3	27,758	54.6

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**FOOTNOTES**

x Data not available or not applicable.

\* 1990 census: entered 1980 to 1990.

<sup>1</sup> In 1990, persons who were enrolled and reported completing nursery school or less were classified as enrolled in "preprimary school", which includes kindergarten. Elementary school and High school combined into one data field in 1990.

<sup>2</sup> Question relating to "grandparents as caregivers" not asked in 1990 census.

<sup>3</sup> The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.